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MISUSE OF OXYTOCIN INJECTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the use of banned oxytocin injection to increase the production of milk, fruits and vegetables which are causing various types of diseases; and

(b) if so, the details alongwith the steps being taken to check the sale of such milk, fruits and vegetables?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b): The drug Oxytocin is not banned for sale in the country as it is considered essential drug in medical practice both in human and veterinary field. The Union Government is aware of the reports about use of Oxytocin injection by some farmers to increase the production of milk, fruits and vegetables in few isolated cases from some parts in the country. However, there is no scientific data which indicates that Oxytocin can increase the production of milk, fruits and vegetables and cause various types of diseases.